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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE, SCA, AND VO

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, CGEN CVIS, GE, US( PROTSCH, VERONIKA AND  
RAINER)  
SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: " FIRST LIST": VERONIKA AND  
RAINER PROTSCH

REF: BERLN 6209

1. SINCE DISPATCH OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS RAISED THIS CASE REPEATEDLY WITH OFFICIALS OF CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AND USA SECTION OF MFA AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT APPROVAL " IN PRINCIPLE" HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE GDR THE ACTUAL PASSPORTS WITH EXIT VISAS HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED TO THE PROTSCHES. ON SEPTEMBER 9, DR. GEYER OF USA DEPARTMENT TOLD EMBOFF THAT MFA CONSIDERS THE CASE " RESOLVED" AND THAT IF THERE WERE DELAYS THEY WERE CAUSED BY " OUR BUREAUCRATS OR YOUR BUREAUCRATS".

2. EMBASSY IS READY TO ISSUE K( FIANCEE) NIVS TO THE PROTSCHES AT ANY TIME. AN I-129F IN THISCASE, APPROVED ON MARCH 18, 1976, HAS BEEN REVALIDATED TO NOVEMBR 17 AS PER THE REGULATIONS. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON FS-398, COMPLETED ON JUNE 14, 1976, ARE VALID FOR ENTRY TO THE US THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 1976.

3. WE PROPOSE TO TELL MFA OFFICIALS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE GDR GOVERNMENT'S PART IN THE PROTSCH CASE COMPLETED UNTIL VERONIKA AND RAINER ACTUALLY HAVE PASSPORTS WITH EXIT VISAS IN HAND. FURTHER, WE PROPOSE  
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TO SAY THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MFA AND " BUREAUCRATS"

IS MEANINGLESS AS THE EMBASSY IS NOT SUPPOSED TO CONTACT SUCH  
PERSONS ON THESE CASES. ACCORDINGLY, THE MFA IS THE GDR GOVERNMENT  
UNDER THEIR OWN RULES OF CONTACT. WE HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THE SMOOTH AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THESE CASES. WE  
RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAKE THE SAME KIND OF PRESEN-  
TATION TO THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
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